GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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INFERIOR QUALITY HELMETS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether inferior quality helmets, not conforming to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications are being manufactured and sold across the country; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken to check sale of such helmets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): BIS has formulated an Indian Standard IS 4151:1993 for "Protective helmets for Motorcycle riders" which is voluntary at present. Manufactures of such helmets are not required to obtain Certification Marks Licence from BIS for manufacturing such helmets. Monitoring of quality of Non-ISI marked helmets does not come within the purview of BIS. However, Government has launched a consumer awareness programme for promoting use of ISI marked products including helmets for safety. A provision has also been made in Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 that at the time of purchase of two wheelers, the manufacturer of two wheelers shall supply helmet conforming to BIS specifications.